

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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- 1 1. ~~A computer mouse comprising:~~
- 2     ~~a base member having hold regions;~~
- 3     ~~a top member pivotally coupled to said base member, said top member having a~~
- 4 ~~main surface configured to leave said hold regions substantially exposed;~~
- 5     ~~wherein said top member forms an integral housing and button.~~

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- 1 2. ~~The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said top member does not include a~~
- 2 ~~separate button.~~
- 3 3. ~~The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said hold regions allow said top~~
- 4 ~~member to be maintained in a clicked position when the computer mouse is removed~~
- 5 ~~from a surface.~~
- 6 4. ~~The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said hold regions are substantially flush~~
- 7 ~~with said main surface of said top member.~~
- 8 5. ~~The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said hold regions comprise first and~~
- 9 ~~second vertically extending tabs.~~
- 10 6. ~~The computer mouse of claim 5, wherein said first and second vertically~~
- 11 ~~extending tabs are integrally formed with said base member.~~

Sub 7. The computer mouse of claim 5, wherein said top member comprises first and second openings shaped to accommodate said first and second vertically extending tabs, respectively.

8. The computer mouse of claim 5, wherein said first and second vertically extending tabs are located on opposite sides of said base member.

9. A computer mouse comprising:

a first side ear;

a second side ear;

wherein said first and second side ears are concurrently graspable to lift the computer mouse while maintaining a button of the computer mouse in a depressed position, wherein said button is a top housing of the computer mouse.

10. The computer mouse of claim 9, wherein said first and second side ears are substantially rigid.

11. The computer mouse of claim 9, wherein said first and second side ears are capable of accommodating a user's thumb and one of a user's other fingers, respectively.

12. The computer mouse of claim 9, wherein said first and second side ears extend from a base.

13. The computer mouse of claim 12, wherein said first and second side ears are located on opposite sides of said base.

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14. ~~A computer mouse comprising:~~

a base having a first fixed portion and a second fixed portion;

a depressable housing coupled to said base such that said base is covered by housing;

wherein said first and second fixed portions are accessible through said

~~depressable housing when said depressable housing is depressed.~~

15. The computer mouse of claim 14, wherein not all of said depressable housing is depressable.

16. The computer mouse of claim 14, wherein said first and second fixed portions and said depressable housing are capable of being held concurrently to lift the computer mouse off a surface.

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